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**INTERPRETS LAW
 ON DISPENSARIES**
**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANSWERS
 SEVERAL INQUIRIES—ACT IS
 NOT DEFINITE.**

DISPATCHES FROM COLUMBIA

 Doings and Happenings That Mark
 the Progress of South Carolina People,
 Gathered Around the State
 Capitol.

Columbia.

 Opinions concerning the closing of
 the county dispensaries under the act
 of the last general assembly providing
 for the election which carried in favor
 of prohibition were rendered by
 Thomas H. Peoples, attorney general.
 Opinions on several points were asked
 for by Gov. Manning and L. L.
 Bultman, state dispensary auditor.
 The attorney general gave the fol-
 lowing opinion upon request of Gov.
 Manning.

 "I am in receipt of yours of the
 8th instant, in which you ask:
 "First. Does the office of the
 county dispensary board cease to exist
 on December 31, 1915?
 "Second. If not, can they receipt
 dispensers for their stock and check
 them out after January 1, 1916?
 "Third. Can they pay out any
 funds on hand for any purpose after
 January 1, 1916?
 "Fourth. Can they pay any funds
 on dividends due from profits after
 January 1, 1916?"

 "In reply to these questions, I will
 say that section 4, of the prohibition
 act, acts of 1915, page 89, provide
 that 'the authorities in every county
 in this state now or hereafter vested
 with the control of the dispensaries,
 where dispensaries for the sale of al-
 coholic liquors are now operating un-
 der existing laws, shall proceed to
 wind up the affairs of such dispensa-
 ries and shall close the same on or
 before the 31st day of December,
 1915.'

 "Section 7 of the same act provides
 that 'all acts or parts of acts in con-
 sistent with the provisions of this act
 and the same are hereby repealed.'
 "I am of the opinion that the office
 of county dispensary boards ceases to
 exist on the 31st day of December,
 1915, and such being the case, no
 official acts performed by them af-
 ter that date would be legal. They are
 directed, as is provided in section 4
 above quoted, to wind up the affairs
 of the dispensaries on or before the
 31st day of December and, in my
 opinion, they have no power or au-
 thority to perform any acts after that
 time.

 "As will be seen from a casual
 reading of the prohibition act, the
 act is very indefinite as to the man-
 ner and method of finally winding up
 the affairs of these dispensaries, there
 being no provision made for the dis-
 tribution of any stock that might
 remain on hand after the 31st of De-
 cember, or any of the fixtures or
 other property belonging to the var-
 ious county dispensaries, nor is
 there any provisions made in the act
 for a continuance of these officers
 until the final disposition of all of
 the various property and stocks belong-
 ing to the respective county dispensa-
 ries. Such being the case, the only
 thing that can be done, in my opinion,
 will be for the dispensaries to be
 closed on the 31st of December, as
 provided by the law, and if the af-
 fairs of the various dispensaries can
 not be finally wound up by that date,
 that appropriate legislation be enacted
 at the approaching session of the
 general assembly, making proper pro-
 vision for the orderly winding up of
 the dispensaries in a business-like
 manner.

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Companies Make Big Investments.

 "At the present time the life in-
 surance companies of other states
 have invested in all forms of South
 Carolina investments about \$28,000,
 000," says F. H. McMaster, insurance
 commissioner, in a section of his an-
 nual report to the legislature.

 He says:
 "On December 31, 1914, the life,
 fire and miscellaneous insurance com-
 panies licensed in South Carolina had
 total investments in South Carolina
 state, county and municipal bonds,
 real estate mortgages and bank de-
 posits maintained continuously for six
 months of \$13,438,000.

 "On June 30, 1915, six months
 thereafter, those companies had a
 total of \$14,591,000.
 "The life insurance companies
 alone on December 31, 1914, had total
 investments in the securities named
 of \$12,733,000. On June 30, 1915,
 this shows an increase of \$902,000 in
 six months. This is a very satisfac-
 tory increase when it is recalled that
 when the insurance department was
 established the total investments of all
 of these companies amounted to
 only about \$325,000.

 "The increase in investments by the
 life insurance companies was wholly
 in real estate mortgages, these being
 increased in the six months from
 \$9,781,000 in December to \$10,606,000
 in June. There was a slight increase
 in bond holdings of about \$85,000.
 There was a falling off in bank de-
 posits of about \$6,000.

Progress in Good Roads.
 Reporting on the progress of road
 construction in South Carolina during
 the past year Commissioner Watson
 says in an article prepared for a mag-
 azine:
 "On the financial side of the mat-
 ter, we have received reports as to
 the grand totals of revenues for road
 purposes derived from the general
 road tax, which vary according to the
 counties, from all but nine counties,
 and the grand total thus derived from
 taxation is \$883,052.22. Estimating
 the other nine counties, this would
 mean that \$1,000,000 was spent in
 this state for roads for the year 1915.

 "In addition to the above, since
 1910, in seven counties, read and
 bridge bonds were voted to the extent
 of \$249,500, \$238,000 of these bonds
 having been sold. In three of these
 counties the bonds are 20-year bonds
 and in the others 40-year bonds. In
 each of the counties, with the excep-
 tion of one, the rate of interest paid
 on the bonds is 4 1/2 and 5 per cent.
 In one county 6 per cent. is paid on
 an issue of \$25,000.

 "With three counties not yet re-
 ported, there are 3,808 miles of sand-
 clay road, 17,219 miles of graded and
 drainage earth roads, 26,055 miles of
 unimproved, ungraded earth or sand-
 clay roads, 3 1/2 miles of macadam
 mixed with bitumen, 18 miles of
 plain macadam, 30 miles of gravel,
 53 1/2 miles of shell and 600 miles of
 other hard-surfaced roads. The total
 mileage of roads, therefore, in the
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 is 47.71."

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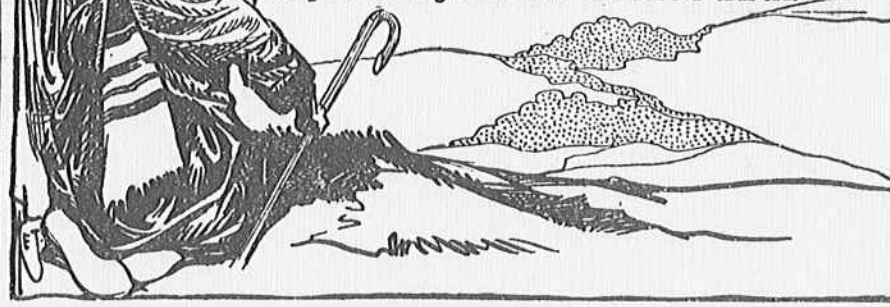
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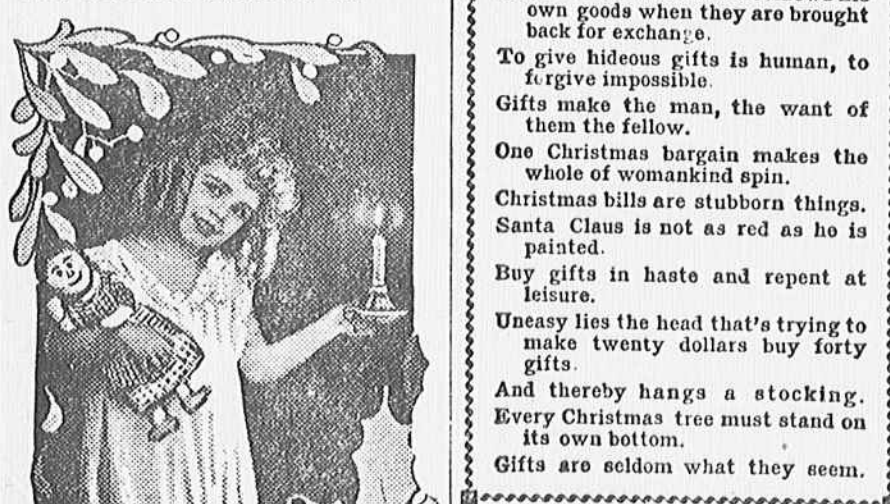
 O'er Bethlehem's plain there shone a star
 That guided wise men from afar,
 To see the child in manger lain,
 Immanuel Jesus is his name,
 The Prince of Peace has come to dwell.
 Hosanna! Shout! Immanuel.

 THE long expected, promised Lord
 Is born today, by kings adored.
 While to the world God doth proclaim
 He comes, and Counselor is his name,
 The mighty God on earth to dwell.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

 HE comes to man by lowly birth,
 To spread salvation through the earth.
 From everlasting, he's the same,
 Our God and Wonderful his name,
 King David's seed in man to dwell.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

 PEACE on earth, good will to man,
 Sing of free salvation's plan,
 With angels join in the refrain,
 Jesus, God with us, is his name.
 Hallelujah, peace on earth,
 Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

 REJOICE and loud hosannas sing,
 Hosanna to the new-born King,
 Angelic hosts to man proclaim
 Our Father's love, our Savior's name.
 Hallelujah! Peace on earth,
 Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

Santa's Secret
 By HARVEY PEAKE

 I-I-I've got out of bed, just a
 minute,
 To tell you—I'll whisper it
 low—
 The stockings I've hung by the
 fire
 Are for me—not mamma, you know.
 For mine are so awfully little.
 Dear Santa Claus, don't you see?
 And I want, oh, so many playthings,
 They won't hold enough for me.

 So I want you to remember
 And fill these as full as you can.
 Cause I haven't been very naughty.
 And you've been such a nice, kind man.
 I'd like a live doll, if you please, sir,
 That can talk and call me "mamma."
 Not one that is full of old sawdust.
 As all my other dolls are.

Short But Useful.
 The Christmas tree does not live
 long, but its short life is a useful and
 beautiful one.

Holly Scratches
 By HARVEY PEAKE

NEVER look a gift in the cost mark.
 All that glitters is not diamonds.
 Mistletoe makes the heart grow
 fonder.
 The gift deferred maketh the heart
 sick.
 Belief in Santa Claus is the best
 policy.
 It is a wise merchant who knows his
 own goods when they are brought
 back for exchange.
 To give hideous gifts is human, to
 forgive impossible.
 Gifts make the man, the want of
 them the fellow.
 One Christmas bargain makes the
 whole of womankind spin.
 Christmas bills are stubborn things.
 Santa Claus is not as red as he is
 painted.
 Buy gifts in haste and repent at
 leisure.
 Uneasy lies the head that's trying to
 make twenty dollars buy forty
 gifts.
 And thereby hangs a stocking.
 Every Christmas tree must stand on
 its own bottom.
 Gifts are seldom what they seem.

 The Christmas Card.
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 tle scenery on them and a picture of
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 mas bird, and also "The Savior's Bird"
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 ing its red breast. From this time
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 ous thing, especially on Christ-
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 "Why, there's no comparison be-
 tween them."

 "Maybe, no; but ye tell us it was
 Shakespeare who wrote, 'Uneasy lies
 the head that wears a crown.' Now
 Rabble would never hae written sic
 nonsense as that."

 "Nonsense, sir!" thundered the
 other.

 "Aye, just nonsense. Rabble would
 hae kent fine that a king or queen el-
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 on their head. He'd hae kent they
 hang it over the back o' a chair."

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